

October 23, 1930

## **JOHN C. BELL DIES SUDDENLY**

**HEART FAILURE CLAIMS LIFE OF  
HIGHLY ESTEEMED CITIZEN;  
FUNERAL MONDAY**

John C. Bell, a resident of this community since 1888, with the exception of a short time spent in Michigan, died suddenly at the home of his niece, Mrs. S. A. Hoy, Saturday. The cause of his death was heart failure.

Mr. Bell had not been in the best of health for several years, still he had been up and around until last Friday evening, when he became ill and expired suddenly. His death came as a great shock to his friends in and around Groton.

Mr. Bell was born on February 13, 1852, in Illinois. His parents moved to Michigan when he was a small boy, and there he grew to manhood. He came to Groton in 1888, and settled here, later going to Bowdle where he remained for a short time, but returned to Groton and took up his permanent abode. At the time of his death he was an extensive land owner, having considerable land east of town.

Three sisters survive him. They are Mrs. T. B. Young, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. C. B. Moore, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. M. J. Merwin, of Benton Harbor, Mich. One sister, Mrs. Young, whom he had not seen for several years, visited him this summer and the meeting was a very happy event.

He was married to Jennie C. Corteville, Jan. 21, 1885 in Benton Harbor, Mich., and shortly after the event they came to Dakota and established their home near Groton. Mrs. Bell died on January 15, 1913.

Mr. Bell was a man of strong character, honest and upright in all his dealings with his fellowmen. Thus another one of our staunch pioneers has gone to his eternal reward.

The funeral was held from the Methodist church Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. L. C. Benson and directed by H. Paetznick. The remains were laid to rest in Groton cemetery.